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SUBJ: OPENING SESSION SIXTH INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL ON
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1. HEW SECRETARY WEINBERGER WARMLY GREETED AT AIRPORT
BY MEXICAN MINISTER OF EDUCATION BRAVO AHUJA AND
GRANTED EXTENSIVE PRESS INTERVIEWS MEXICAN PRESS.

2. MINISTER BRAVO ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF MEETING
AND AT PLENARY SESSION MADE EXTENSIVE REFERENCE TO
SECRETARY WEINBERGER'S PRESENCE TO WHICH SECRETARY
WEINBERGER RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE MR. CHAIRMAN:
I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND REMARKS. I AM SURE THAT
TYPICAL OF MOST NEWCOMERS TO DYNAMIC MEXICO, I AM
STRUCK BY WHAT HAS BEEN FORGED AS A MODERN NATION
WHILE BOTH PRESERVING AND BLENDING A RICH CULTURAL
HERITAGE. MY OWN COUNTRY IS THE FIFTH LARGEST SPANISH
SPEAKING COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. REGRETABLELY
I AM NOT ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF OUR CITIZENS WHO SPEAK
YOUR BEATIFUL TONGUE.

3. I AM PLEASED, MR. CHARIMAN, THAT EARLY NEXT
MONTH YOU WILL BE VISITING COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO
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WHERE FELLOW EDUCATORS WILL HONOR YOU. I REFER TO THE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY WHICH RECENTLY MADE KNOWN THAT THE INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN EDUCATOR AND SCIENTIST, DR. VICTOR BRAVO AHUJA, MEXICO'S SECRETARY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, WILL BE AWARDED AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE ON FEBRUARY 7TH. I NOTE, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT YOU WILL BECOME THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL FIGURE TO HAVE BEEN SO HONORED IN THE 96-YEAR HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY, AND WILL JOIN OTHER EMINENT SCIENTISTS -- MEN AND WOMEN OF LETTERS AND STATEMEN -- INCLUDING THE LATE MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, WHO HAVE BEEN SO HONORED.

4. ON CULTURAL MATTERS, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE REGARDS CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AS A VITAL PART OF OUR WORK IN EDUCATION. I HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE GREAT INTEREST IN THIS BODY IN CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND I WANT TO MENTION THAT IT IS MY INTENTION TO USE OUR BEST EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY SOME OF OUR DEPARTMENT FUNDS THAT CAN BE USED TO FURTHER THE CULTURAL EFFORTS OF THIS BODY. I HOPE I WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

5. I DO WANT YOU TO KNOW OF OUR DEEP AND CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE WORK OF THIS TECHNICAL COUNCIL OF THE OAS. I HAVE ASKED MY GOOD FRIEND AND FELLOW CALIFORNIA, OUR OAS AMBASSADOR WILLIAM MAILLIARD, TO INSURE THAT MY OWN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE IS KEPT FULLY INFORMED ON YOUR DELIBERATIONS HERE.

6. AGAIN, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. END QUOTE

7. CHAIRMAN ELECTED TO WORKING COMMITTEES ARE AS FOLLOWS: COMMITTEE I - INSTITUTIONAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS - ADMIRAL GUILLERMO CASTRO - CHILE; COMMITTEE II- EDUCATION - EURO BRANDAO - BRAZIL; COMMITTEE III - SCIENCE - FERNANDO VOLIO - COSTA RICA; COMMITTEE IV - CULTURE - GUILLERMO CASCO - HONDURAS.

8. SECRETARY WEINBERGER DEPARTED MEXICO 3 PM, JAN 28. AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD NOW HEADS USDEL.
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